

LOCAL AFFAIRS

Wanted: A good correspondent in each locality in the county.

Don't Notice the figures on our date line—errors will creep in.

Mrs. Newton Greene has been quite sick since Monday. However, she is now improving.

Rev. M. A. Adams, of Canton, former beloved pastor of the Baptist church in Boone, is in the county for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Cook and family, of Todd, were visitors in Boone Sunday, returning to their home Monday.

Rev. S. E. Gragg, of Shulls Mills, recently sold his Patterson Hodges farm to Mr. Roby Adams, the consideration being \$5,000.

There will be a meeting of the stock holders in the Brushy Fork cheese factory, held at 2, p. m., next Monday. A full attendance is desired.

Sunday came a-shinin' and Monday came a-snowin', yet some of the people still disbelieve in the ground hog as a weather prognosticator!

Mrs. Dr. Hardin, of Shulls Mills, with her little son, returned home Saturday after a visit of a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hardin.

Dr. E. Glenn Salmon is off to Baltimore, Md., on business, his wife and little boys visiting at the home of his mother, on Route 1, during his absence.

Mr. G. C. Winkler, of the New River Stock Farm, is preparing to erect a barn which, when completed, we are told, will be second to none in the county.

Four cases of flu in the family of Mrs. Cora Norris just east of the village, but they are all improving. The greatest care is being taken to prevent any spread of the disease from the stricken family.

Messrs. Joe C. Hodges and Poley Wyke, contractors, are giving the store room in the Bank Building, a thorough overhauling, different ones having applied to rent the property when thoroughly repaired.

A number of cars of evergreens and other ornamental shrubs shipped from the Kelsey nurseries and consigned to Mr. W. L. Alexander, at Blowing Rock, have arrived here within the past few days, the same to be used in beautifying the Alexander estate in that picturesque section.

Friend Joe Wagner, of Foscoe, transacted business here Saturday. Joe has been dealing quite a little in real estate of late and is making good, his latest investment being in the pretty property in the town of Foscoe, owned by Postmaster Wyke at Shulls Mills. Joe is a hustler, and we are glad to hear of his success.

Chas. Main, of Tamarack, who was recently taken home from Shulls Mills with flu died of the disease soon after his arrival. His wife contracted it, and on Monday last she passed to the great beyond, leaving five small children on the cold charities of the world. A most pitiable case, this.

Sherman Bentley, carrier on the star mail route from Valle Crucis to Boone, was lodged in jail here Tuesday charged with an attempted assault upon the person of a little daughter, of Mr. Jesse F. Robbins. His bond was fixed, for preliminary hearing, at \$2,000, in default of which he was placed in jail. No particulars.

Dr. L. E. Farthing, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farthing, who, for a number of years, has been practicing his profession in Pitsboro, Chatham county, has moved to Wilmington, his reason for moving being to avoid the long rides over muddy roads. His practice in Chatham has been heavy, and he leaves that good county with regrets.

Mr. Wm. L. Trivett, of Route 1, returned from Raleigh last week, where he attended the annual meeting of the grand lodge of Masons. On the night of his arrival he developed a typical case of influenza, and now his entire family is down with the disease. Mrs. Todd, his mother-in-law, is the only one to look after the comforts and needs of the afflicted family.

That there may be no mistakes and at the same time relieve us of the trouble and expense of sending out statements, always count the words in obituaries and cards of thanks. One cent a word for all in excess of 150 words in obituary notices and one cent per word straight for cards of thanks. Let cash come with copy, please, and then there will be no delay in getting your matter published.

Mr. Conrad Yates, of West Riverside, and Miss Annie Hendrix, of Stony Fork, were married a few days since, and are now in Boone, where they will locate permanently. Just now they are at the Critcher hotel, and Mr. Yates will, just a little later on, open up a mercantile business here. In behalf of their many friends, The Democrat extends congratulations to the popular couple. The people of Boone are delighted to have them locate in their midst.

Another Bank for Ashe County.

Another bank has been established in the good county of Ashe, The Bank of Todd being its name and is located in the town of Todd on the V. C. Railroad. The capital stock is \$5,000; Mr. W. S. Miller is president, and a Mr. Barr, of Florida, is the cashier. This is Bank No. 4, for Ashe county.

Big Money in Eggs.

During December and January just past, from a flock of 48 laying hens, Mrs. T. P. Adams of Zionsville, N. C. sold eggs to the amount of \$76 besides what was used at home which would carry the amount to near \$80. Several hens laid around a dollar's worth of eggs per month. Her hens are Rose Comb Brown Leghorns.

Last year, from a flock averaging 70 hens, Mrs. Adams sold eggs and chickens to the amount of nearly \$300. This may not be unusual, but we know of no one else who has made so good a record.

Little Danford Spaulding Dies.

On last Saturday, after a protracted illness, following an attack of influenza, little Danford Spaulding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Spaulding, died at the home of her parents in East Boone. The little girl was eleven years old, bright, attractive and a general favorite with those who knew her best. She was buried in the town cemetery Sunday afternoon, the funeral being conducted by the Rev. H. L. Powell. The fond parents, who are almost heartbroken, have the deep sympathy of their friends in this, their deep sorrow.

Cutting Affair at West Riverside.

On Saturday evening last at West Riverside, N. C., an altercation occurred between Mr. T. C. Watson and a near relative, Mr. Com Watson, over a small bunch of cross ties, resulting in the former being most seriously wounded by a knife in the hands of his kinsman. The wounded man was hurried to his home at Virgil, and Dr. Bingham was summoned at once. He found the patient in a rather serious condition, with a knife cut 5 1/2 inches long, in the abdomen and a severe stab in the shoulder. The Dr. says his condition is improving and without complications he thinks he will soon recover.

GOOD TEAM FOR SALE.

I am offering for sale my team of fine draft horses. None better. They are well trained for logging and other heavy work but are not hurt in the least. See or write me if interested. W. L. Haynes, Boone N. C.

BLANK BOOKS

(SEE LAST WEEK'S DEMOCRAT)

Just before the holidays we were greatly handicapped at not being able to get from the factory a supply of Waterman's Fountain Pens. Now we have a full stock of the most popular sizes, ranging in prices from 2.50 to 8.00. We have, also the very best line of cheap pens, self-fillers at 1.75.

INKS—Office and Fountain Pen

Carter's Pencraft (the best) per quart	\$1.50
" writing fluid	1.00
" Pencraft	" pint .90
" "	" half-pint .55
" Carmine	" " .70
Carter's small size ft. pen ink	.15
green, blue and violet 20c.	

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The Watauga County Bank

BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA.

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G. P. HAGAMAN, Cash. W. D. FARTHING, Asst. Cash.

The demand for food stuffs of all kinds will be greater during the year 1919 than ever in the history of the world. We especially desire to co-operate with the farmers of Watauga County in increasing their farm production and improving their live stock.

OUR MOTTO: "SAFETY AND SERVICE."

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L. D. LOWE, President. H. B. PERRY, Vice-President.

L. M. FARTHING, Cashier.

The Valle Crucis Bank.



We solicit the accounts of all persons in this new Bank, and we will do our best to accommodate the people and render the greatest service consistent with sound banking.

Postmaster Examination.

At the request of the Postmaster General the United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Lenoir, N. C. on Feb. 19, 1919 for the position of postmaster at Boone. This office has an annual compensation of \$1200.

To be eligible for this examination an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must actually reside within the delivery of the office and have so resided at the time the present vacancy occurred.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-first but not their sixty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination.

Application Form 304 and full information concerning the requirements of the examination may be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C., in time to arrange for the examination of the applicant.

Beaver Dam Items.

Messrs J. K. Perry, H. H. Farthing and Dr. Perry have installed a new roller mill at the old Farthing mill on Lower Beaver Dam.

Mr. Emmet Hagaman who married Miss Verta Phillips of Beaver Dam, has bought a farm near Knoxville, Tenn. and will move to it in the near future.

Rev. Blalock who has been a missionary to China for many years is now on a visit to Upper Beaver Dam with a view to holding a few days' meeting.

Health conditions are reasonably good in this section. Only two cases of flu at present: one is Miss Crathy Shell, the other is Mr. Marshall Edmonston.

Mrs. Clyde Perry who has been very sick for sometime is thought to be improved.

There has not been any meeting at Forest Grove for about 3

months on the account of influenza and measles but it seems to be a thing of the past now.

Messrs Walter and Geo. Green sons of Mr. Lem Green, who moved to Iowa about 25 years ago are visiting in this section for a few days.

"Aunt" Sarah Wilson who has been afflicted with paralysis for some time is but little improved.

Mr. Jurd Henson who has been blind for some time seems to be on the decline. He has been suffering very much with inflamed eyes.



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BANK.

If you have not started your account you should bear in mind the fact that the

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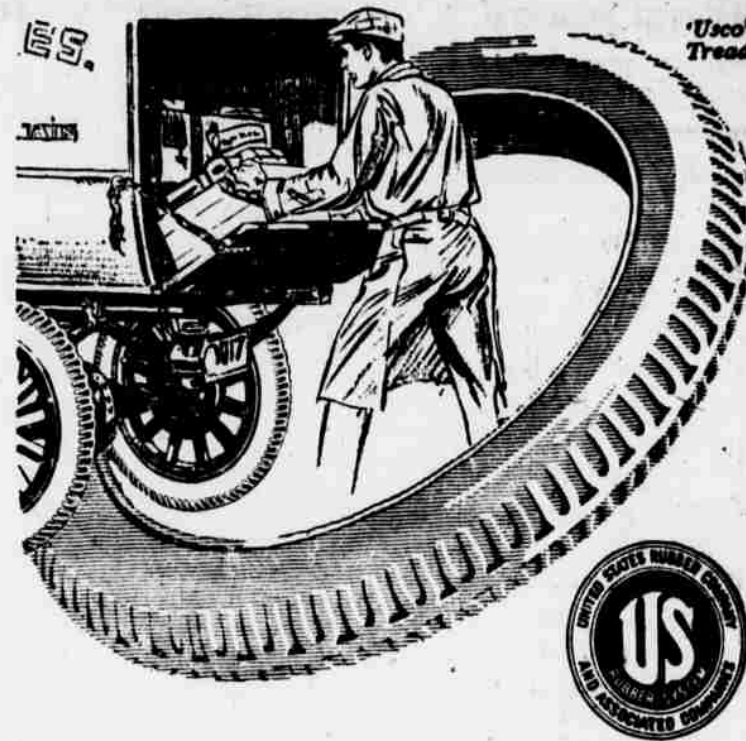
BLOWING ROCK, N. C.

has a reputation for trustworthiness, stability and fine business methods that few can equal.

Second Road Bond Sale

\$50,000.00 Road Bonds. Bids Close February 10

Watauga county, North Carolina, offers fifty thousand dollars road bonds, semi-annual interest, serial issue, five to thirty years. Sealed bids Feb. 10, 10 a. m. Certified check vouchered for by local bank, 1 per cent of bid required. Reserve right to reject all bids. For information write W. R. Gragg, clerk board of commissioners, Boone, N. C. W. R. GRAGG, Clerk bd. county commissioners.



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Our nearest Sales and Service Depot dealer will gladly point them out to you.

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Big Stock for New Year Trade

The year 1919 finds me with the largest and best selected stock of General Merchandise I have ever carried, in fact, I am now, since the advent of the railroad into Boone, prepared to supply your every want, but should I fail, let me know, and it will be produced at once.

My Sale of Shoes

for the past year has been very heavy from the fact that I carry the very best makes on the market, which always insures a ready sale. I now have the best line I have ever carried, and am constantly adding to it, and can fit you in whatever style you may want, and at low prices, considering the quality. When in need of any kind of footwear call on me. I also have on hand a splendid stock of

Ready Made Clothing

from the cheap suit to a nobby suit for extra occasions. I am offering them just as low as I can and insist that you call, if in need of anything in this line. I can please you style and prices.

Good line of groceries always on hand.

REMEMBER I always carry a full line of flour, chop cottonseed meal, etc. which I can supply either in wholesale or retail lots.

I thank you for your patronage in the past and hope to merit it in the future.

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BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA.